

Legal Services Corporation, Lillian R. BeVier, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation, and certain nominations in the Public Health Service Corps.

9/11 DETAINEES REPORT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings to examine the treatment of aliens held on immigration charges in connection with the investigation of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, as outlined in the Department of Justice Office of Inspector General's report, after receiving testimony from Glenn A. Fine, Inspector General, Harley G. Lappin, Director, Federal Bureau of Prisons, Michael E. Rolince, Acting Assistant Director in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington Field Office, and David Nahmias, Counsel to the Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, all of the Department of Justice.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Louise W. Flanagan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina, and Allyson K. Duncan, of North Carolina, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, who were both introduced by Senators Dole and Edwards; Samuel Der-Yeghiayan, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, who was introduced by Senators Fitzgerald and Durbin; Lonny R. Suko, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Washington, who was introduced by Senator Murray, and Representatives Hastings and Nethercutt; Earl Leroy Yeakel III, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas, who was

introduced by Senators Hutchison and Cornyn; Karen P. Tandy, of Virginia, to be Administrator of Drug Enforcement, who was introduced by Senator Hutchison, and Christopher A. Wray, of Georgia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, who was introduced by Senators Chambliss and Miller, both of the Department of Justice; and Robert C. Brack, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Mexico, who was introduced by Senators Domenici and Bingaman.

IRAQ

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution concluded joint hearings with the Committee on Foreign Relations' Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs to examine constitutionalism, human rights, and the Rule of Law in Iraq, focusing on the monopoly of power and influence, public participation and ownership, democratic representation, ratification, and the role of the international community, after receiving testimony from Neil J. Kritz, Director, Rule of Law Program, U.S. Institute of Peace; Sermid Al-Sarraf, Iraqi Jurists Association, and Khaled Abou El Fadl, University of California at Los Angeles School of Law, both of Los Angeles, California; Bernard Haykel, New York University, New York, New York; Donald P. Kommers, University of Notre Dame Law School, Notre Dame, Indiana; Kenneth M. Pollack, Brookings Institution, Zainab Salbi, Women for Women International, and Naoyuki Agawa, Embassy of Japan, all of Washington, D.C. and John Yoo, University of California Boalt School of Law, Berkeley; and A.E. Dick Howard, University of Virginia School of Law, Charlottesville.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 13 public bills, H.R. 1, 2595–2606; and 1 resolution, H. Con. Res., 230, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2351, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a deduction to individuals for amounts contributed to health savings accounts and to provide for the disposition of unused health benefits in cafeteria plans and flexible spending arrangements, amended (H. Rept. 108–177); and

H.R. 2473, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a voluntary program for prescription drug coverage under the Medicare Program, to modernize the Medicare Program, amended (H. Rept. 108–178, Pt. 1)

H. Res. 297, providing for motions to suspend the rules (H. Rept. 108–179);

H. Res. 298, providing for consideration of H.R. 2559, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004 (H. Rept. 108–180); and

H. Res. 299, providing for consideration of H.R. 1, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a voluntary program for prescription drug coverage under the Medicare Program and to modernize the Medicare Program and providing for consideration of H.R. 2596, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a deduction to individuals for amounts contributed to health savings security accounts and health savings accounts, to provide for the disposition of unused health benefits in cafeteria plans and flexible spending arrangements (H. Rept. 108–181). **Pages H5927–28**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Terry to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H5819**

Guest Chaplain: Rev. Michael J. Greer, Pastor, Good Shepherd Catholic Church of Miami, Florida. **Page H5819**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission Extension: S. 858, to extend the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission (agreed to by $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 409 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 312)—clearing the measure for the President; **Pages H5822–25, H5847–48**

Administration of the Bill Emerson and Mickey Leland Hunger Fellowships by the Congressional Hunger Center: H.R. 2474 amended, to require that funds made available for fiscal years 2003 and 2004 for the Bill Emerson and Mickey Leland Hunger Fellowships be administered through the Congressional Hunger Center (agreed to by $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 411 yeas with none voting “nay,” Roll No. 313). Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “A bill to authorize the Congressional Hunger Center to award Bill Emerson and Mickey Leland Hunger Fellowships for fiscal years 2003 and 2004.”; **Pages H5825–28, H5848–49**

Recognizing the 50th anniversary of the Foreign Agricultural Service: H.J. Res. 49, recognizing the important service to the Nation provided by the Foreign Agricultural Service of the Department of Agriculture on the occasion of its 50th anniversary (agreed to by $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 409 yeas with none voting “nay,” Roll No. 314); **Pages H5828–29, H5849**

Awarding the Congressional Gold Medal to Prime Minister Tony Blair: H.R. 1511, To award a congressional gold medal to Prime Minister Tony Blair; **Pages H5830–37**

Profound Concern Regarding Anti-Semitic Violence within States of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe: H. Con. Res. 49, expressing the sense of the Congress that the sharp escalation of anti-Semitic violence within many participating States of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) is of profound concern and efforts should be undertaken to prevent future occurrences (agree by yea-and-nay vote of 412 yeas with none voting “nay,” Roll No. 315); **Pages H5841–47, H5881**

Calling on the Government of the People's Republic of China to Release Dr. Yang Jianli: H. Res. 199, amended, calling on the Government of the People's Republic of China immediately and unconditionally to release Dr. Yang Jianli, calling on the President of the United States to continue working on behalf of Dr. Yang Jianli for his release (agreed to by $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 412 yeas with none voting “nay,” Roll No. 316; and **Pages H5850–53, H5881–82**

Condemning the Terrorism Inflicted on Israel: H. Res. 294, condemning the terrorism inflicted on Israel since the Aqaba Summit and expressing solidarity with the Israeli people in their fight against terrorism (agreed to by $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 399 yeas to 5 nays with 7 voting “present,” Roll No. 317). **Pages H5853–66, H5882–83**

Suspension—Proceedings Postponed: The House completed debate on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 277, expressing support for freedom in Hong Kong. Further proceedings were postponed until Thursday, June 26. **Pages H5837–41**

Intelligence Authorization Act for FY 2004: The House completed general debate and began considering amendments to H.R. 2417, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System. Further proceedings will resume on Thursday. **Pages H5866–81, H5883–H5903**

Pursuant to the rule the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence now printed in the bill (H. Rept. 108–163) was considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment. **Page H5883**

Agree To:

Harman amendment No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 108–176 that requires the Director of Central Intelligence to report on watch list databases in Federal departments and agencies to determine if the further consolidation will contribute to the effectiveness of the Terrorist Identification Classification System in identifying known or suspected terrorists. **Pages H5890–91**

Proceedings Postponed:

Hastings of Florida amendment No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 108–176 was offered that seeks to direct the Director of Central Intelligence to establish a pilot project to improve recruitment of ethnic and cultural minorities and women with diverse skills and language abilities. **Page H5891–94**

Kucinich amendment No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 108–176 was offered that seeks to direct the Inspector General of the Central Intelligence Agency to conduct an audit of all communications between the CIA and the Office of the Vice President that relate to weapons of mass destruction obtained or developed by Iraq; and **Pages H5894–H5900**

Lee amendment No. 6 printed H. Rept. 108–176 was offered that seeks to require a GAO study on the extent of intelligence sharing by the Department of Defense and intelligence community with United Nations inspectors searching for weapons of mass destruction. **Pages H5900–03**

Withdrawn:

Cox amendment No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 108–176 was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to strike Sec. 336, Improvement of Information Sharing Among Federal, State, and local Government Officials. **Pages H5888–90**

H. Res. 295, the rule that is providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote. **Page H5903**

Discharge Petition: Representative Taylor of Mississippi moved to discharge the Committee on Rules from the consideration of H. Res. 275, providing for consideration of H.J. Res. 22, proposing a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

Recess: The House recessed at 11:15 p.m. and reconvened at 6:23 a.m. on Thursday, June 26.

Amendment: Amendments ordered pursuant to the rule appear on pages H5929–40.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Six yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H5847–48, H5848–49, H5849, H5881, H5881–82, and H5882–83. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:25 a.m. on Thursday, June 26.

Committee Meetings

USDA DISTANCE LEARNING AND TELEMEDICINE PROGRAM

Committee on Agriculture: Held a hearing to review the USDA Distance Learning and Telemedicine Program. Testimony was heard from Thomas C. Dorr,

Under Secretary, Rural Development, USDA; and public witnesses.

LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION AND RELATED AGENCIES; INTERIOR AND RELATED AGENCIES; AND AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Ordered reported the following appropriations for fiscal year 2004: Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies; Interior and Related Agencies; and Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies.

GSE OVERSIGHT

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing entitled “GSE Oversight: The Need for Reform and Modernization.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SAVING TAXPAYER MONEY THROUGH SOUND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Saving Taxpayer Money Through Sound Financial Management.” Testimony was heard from Angela M. Antonelli, Chief Financial Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development; and Thomas C. Dorr, Under Secretary, Rural Development, USDA.

OVERSIGHT—WINNING THE WAR ON FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT—STATUS OF DOD REFORM

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Efficiency and Financial Management held an oversight hearing on “Winning the War on Financial Management—Status of the Department of Defense Reform.” Testimony was heard from Gregory D. Kutz, Director, Financial Management Assurance, GAO; and the following officials of the Department of Defense: Lawrence J. Lanzillotta, Principle Deputy and the Deputy Under Secretary, Management Reform, Office of the Under Secretary (Comptroller); and Paul Granetto, Director, Defense Financial Auditing Service, Office of the Inspector General.

CANADIAN DRUG IMPORTATION

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Human Rights and Wellness held a hearing on “The Practical and Economical Aspects of Canadian Drug Importation.” Testimony was heard from Representative Gutknecht; and public witnesses.

U.S. TRADE POLICY AND COMMERCIAL POLICY IN SOUTHEAST ASIA AND OCEANIA

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing on U.S. Trade Policy and Commercial Policy in Southeast Asia and